How we arrived at this figure

Contrary to what the police say, we found that half of all homicides under investigation in the three Metro Manila municipalities we reported on are linked to drugs. This document explains how we made this calculation.

The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) provided a spreadsheet of all homicides under investigation from July 2016 to the end of 2018. A copy of that spreadsheet is on page 2 of this document.

According to the NCRPO, the number of homicides in the three cities are as follows:

City	Total Homicides Reported by the Police (July 2016 to December 2017)
Quezon City	615
Manila	507
Caloocan	759
Total	1,881

The total number of drug-related homicides that we found from police records is 934 as shown in the following table:

City	Drug-Related Homicides (July 2016 to December 2017) in the Police Record*
Quezon City	312
Manila	178
Caloocan	444
Total	934

 Note that there are other homicides that have not been recorded by the police. We found nearly 300 more casualties from news reports, human rights groups, churches and other sources.

We divided 934 by 1,881 and got 0.496 or about half. The police say that nationwide, only 10% of all reported homicides are drug-related. Our calculation shows that figure is closer to 50% in the three Metro Manila cities that are the focus of the study. But we also found many other drug-linked homicides that have not been recorded by the police, so this figure is at best an approximation. A database that lists all drug-linked homicides we found from multiple sources, not just the police, can be found here: https://data.world/stabile-center/ph-drug-war.

Homicide Cases Under Investigation July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018 Incident Count

Source: CIRAS as of April 5, 2019

DISTRICT / STATION	July-Dec 2016	2017	2018	
Pol Stn 1(Caloocan City)	457	302	158	917
Pol Stn 2 (Malabon)	49	56	48	153
Pol Stn 3 (Navotas)	50	93	43	186
Pol Stn 4 (Valenzuela)	34	40	24	98
NPD - TOTAL	590	491	273	1354
Pol Stn 1 (Marikina City)	28	63	16	107
Pol Stn 2 (Pasig City)	136	102	56	294
Pol Stn 3 (Mandaluyong)	57	56	13	126
Pol Stn 4 (San Juan)	23	13	2	38
EPD - TOTAL	244	234	87	565
Pol Stn 1 (Raxa Bago)	48	78	50	176
Pol Stn 2 (Tondo)	26	49	35	110
Pol Stn 3 (Sta. Cruz)	14	19	14	50
Pol Stn 4 (Sampaloc)	16	20	37	136
Pol Stn 5 (Ermita)	38	61 16	8	34
Pol Stn 6 (Sta. Ana)	10	27	16	62
Pol Stn 7 (J.A Santos)	19		1	18
Pol Stn 8 (Sta. Mesa)	6	11		22
Pol Stn 9 (Malate)	3	13	6	
Pol Stn 10 (Pandacan)	3	5	6	14
Pol Stn 11 (Meisic)	11	14	19	44
MPD - TOTAL	194	313	206	713
Pol Stn 1 (Pasay City)	144	64	42	250
Pol Stn 2 (Makati City)	66	52	26	144
Pol Stn 3 (Parañaque)	71	75	30	176
Pol Stn 4 (Las Piñas)	74	34	33	141
Pol Stn 5 (Muntinlupa)	47	75	33	155
Pol Stn 6 (Taguig)	115	166	96	377
Pol Stn 7 (Pateros)	50	20	3	73
SPD - TOTAL	567	486	263	1316
Pol Stn 1 (Laloma)	11	11	8	30
Pol Stn 2 (Masambong)	7	18	14	39
Pol Stn 3 (Talipapa)	30	36	33	99
Pol Stn 4 (Novaliches)	28	46	21	95
Pol Stn 5 (Fairview)	13	25	4	42
Pol Stn 6 (Batasan Hills)	121	210	64	395
Pol Stn 7 (Cubao)	6	6	6	18
	1	1	2	4
Pol Stn 8 (Project 4)			100	-
ol Stn 9 (Anonas)	7	7	8	22
ol Stn 10 (Kamuning)	6	12	7	25
ol Stn 11 (Galas)	1	8	4	13
of Stn 12 (Eastwood)	3	1	0	4
QCPD - TOTAL	234	381	171	786
TOTAL	1829	1905	1000	473